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# What's all the RUSH ABOUT?

## Sorority

- »320 members
- »5 chapters
- »4 rush events
- »2.5 hours with each
- »PNM
- »\$30 to rush
- »\$365 to spend on rush
- »241 registered

## Fraternity

- »330 members
- »10 chapters
- »4 rush events
- »13 hours with each PNM
- »Free to rush
- »No limit to spend on rush
- »92 registered

BY BRITTANY KEITHLEY  
Editor-in-chief

The race is on as fraternities and sororities scramble to prep, polish and fine-tune their members for the recruitment event of the year.

Though the organizations' events occur simultaneously, their rules and regulations are not represented equally.

Their marathon begins with information sessions leaving the men and women on different strides. Fraternity forums represented the 10 chapters on campus last week with ten minutes each from ten members. Sorority showcase, on the other hand, leaves potential new members with only two to four minute powerpoint presentations from each five sororities tonight.

The men break away completely in the first event of recruitment. This week, open houses with each fraternity can last up to three hours with no limit for the amount of money spent for entertainment such as games, bands and food. The Interfraternity Council's only regulations state no PNMs can be at the chapter or satellite houses before or after the event and no females or alcohol can be present.

Sorority events begin tomorrow with 20 minute "parties" for PNMs. These parties cannot use more than \$55 of decorations for their designated meeting room. Secret rotations among members enable PNMs to meet more faces, though specific topics cannot be discussed. Alcohol, boys and bank account discussion, for instance, can earn recruitment infractions.

As events continue this week, the rules set by The National Panhellenic Council restrict the girls the most.

Melissa Boehmer, Vice President of Recruitment-Internal, speaks of strict silence required by all members who interact with PNMs (Gamma Chis).

"If you see your chapter members, no recruitment talk. No alcohol, no bars, no boys on campus, no frat houses and no letters," Boehmer said.

See **RUSH** on A5

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION



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**FORMER TEAM CAPTAIN** Sean paddock thrusts the 2009 National Championship trophy in the air to the sound of cheers Thursday, Sept. 2. Check out NWMissourianews.com for further coverage on Gov. Jay Nixon's visit.

## Boerigter accepts MIAA Commissioner position

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

The rumors and speculation can finally be put to rest as Bob Boerigter has officially accepted the MIAA's offer to become the new Conference Commissioner.

The position was left vacant since July after former commissioner Jim Johnson left to become Pittsburg State's director of athletics. Boerigter will officially take over as commissioner on Sept. 20.

Boerigter's time at Northwest has lasted from 2001, where he has a hand in everything from the lead administrator for athletics and HPRED to planning and administrating the completion of the Bearcat Stadium's \$5 million renovation.

"It was not an easy decision," Boerigter said. "This is a great place and great people, I've loved it here. As I mentioned it to someone earlier today, we are right at about 300 schools

in Division II, so there are 300 Division II athletic director jobs approximately, and this is certainly one of the best."

This, however, was not the first time his name has been associated with a vacant commissioner position.

"It actually goes back to about three years ago when our position was open," Boerigter said. "I was nominated at that time and gave consideration to being a candidate, and then I ended up withdrawing at that point at the request of Dr. (Dean) Hubbard, our president. I have never regretted that I did that."

Boerigter stated that the timing and the challenges facing the MIAA were what made this opportunity the right situation. One of those challenges looming is the expansion to 16 teams.

For more information and comments by Boerigter on the expansion see A10.

## Study lays foundation for increase in freshmen retention

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

Record-breaking enrollment numbers are one thing that Northwest can boast about, but it does not stop there. The University can also brag about the fact that the return rate for students, also known as retention rates, is at a peak.

Last fall's retention rates made Northwest a leader among moderately selective universities in Missouri, as well as the fact that the numbers were higher than the national average.

University officials and faculty members refuse to rest. Despite the

high numbers, they are continually striving to make things better.

"Our goal is to retain as many students as possible," Dean of Students, Matthew Baker, said.

The University is currently conducting a self-study, called Foundations of Excellence, which is meant to take a closer look at students' first year experience. The John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, a group that works with hundreds of universities nationwide to improve first-year experiences for students, is assisting the University in the completion

See **RETENTION** on A5



KNWT  
GENERAL  
MANAGER Dan Thompson speaks to a Mass Communications freshmen seminar class Tuesday. Student Publications talked to the freshmen about the different types of media Northwest offers.

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FACULTY RECITAL



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

TRUMPETEERS MATTHEW VANGJEL and William Richardson play a concert for students in the Charles Johnson Theater on Tuesday. The concert was named “From Latvia, With Love” for the time Richardson spent in Latvia teaching music last spring semester.

New student regent debuts

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Campus News Editor

Joe Barbosa, a junior social science major, made his Board of Regents debut Thursday, Sept. 2. Barbosa said the opportunity to meet with the decision makers of the University was a unique experience.

Barbosa said he will continue to keep an eye on many of the University’s organizations, as a way to get a feel for how students are feeling and bringing those feelings to the Board.

“In the future, I’m hoping to bring more thoughts of the students to the Board,” Barbosa said. “I’m planning on

attending some organizational meetings in the coming weeks.”

Working together on a student by student level is also high on Barbosa’s list of priorities. Babosa said he wants to gain feedback from all students.

“I want to gain feedback. I want to know what’s on their minds,” Barbosa said. “I can say that I have my issues, but those might differ greatly from what the Student Activity Council’s issues are, what the Residential Hall Association’s issues are, what the Greek organizations’ issues are. I’m hoping to get more information back from everyone.”

To check out the full story on student regent Joe Barbosa, see our website.

Dean honors dedication

Special award recognizes exceptional work of faculty

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

Every year, faculty members of the college of Arts and Sciences nominate their peers for multiple Dean’s Awards.

As the Dean of the College, Charles McAdams awards three faculty members who have displayed outstanding attributes in their discipline or their dedication to serve the College and University.

“There’s not a specific number of things or atypes of things that one would need to do – it’s just who has demonstrated something that is clearly outstanding from their colleagues in that area,” McAdams said.

Dr. Ahmed Malkawi, associate professor of chemistry and physics, received the Dean’s Award for Teaching; Armin Mühsam, associate professor of art, received the Dean’s Award for Research; and Dr. Richard Toomey, associate professor of chemistry and physics, received the Dean’s Award for Service.

Malkawi was selected to receive the award for teaching because of the incredible number of positive reviews he consistently receives from his students despite the complex and challenging materials he presents in his classes.

“It’s the overwhelmingly positive student rating on his teaching, and the comments on his teaching. And what makes this even more dramatic is the very complex course that Dr Malkawi teaches,” McAdams said.

Malkawi teaches organic chemistry, which can often be viewed as a “gatekeeper” course for certain majors. This course is one that often becomes a somewhat dreaded course at other universities, according to McAdams.

“Dr. Malkawi has distinguished himself as such an outstanding teacher that students rave about his teaching abilities, and about the support he shows to students and the time he gives to students to help them understand the materials,” McAdams said.

Mühsam received the award as a result of his dedication to his work and the outstanding response he got in national and international

shows during the past year.

“Mr. Mühsam had an unbelievable record of exhibitions during the 2009-2010 academic year,” McAdams said.

Mühsam’s work was displayed in 22 exhibitions over the past year, including national juried shows, as well as one international show.

“I suppose what I’m most proud of is that four were solo shows, and that one was in Romania,” Mühsam said.

To be a part of this high a number of exhibitions over the course of one year is an achievement in itself.

“To be accepted to 22 exhibits in one year is an unbelievable achievement,” McAdams said. “Mr. Mühsam really stood out with this endeavor.”

Toomey was selected for the award for service in light of the numerous committees he serves on as well as multiple other commitments he constantly fulfills.

“He really goes above and beyond the call of duty that all faculty provide in terms of service to help the university operate,” McAdams said.

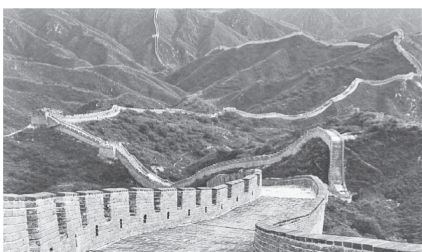
Toomey works to recruit students by meeting with prospective students and their families. He also serves on numerous committees, including multiple Missouri Academy committees and is the advisor to the Gamma Sigma Epsilon National Honor Society.

“Service is our opportunity to give back to the University. Not the brick and mortar, but the institution and its ideals,” Toomey said. “I suppose the rewarding part is knowing that I am doing my job.”

Annually, each of the nine departments in the college of Arts and Sciences is able to nominate one faculty member for each of these awards. The department chairs then vote on the nominees to select the recipients. The purpose of these awards is to honor faculty members who have stood out for their teaching, research or service. Only full time, board-approved faculty members are eligible for these awards.

Each award recipient receives \$800, which they can put toward expenses of travel, equipment or materials for their classrooms or research. Mühsam plans to use this money on travel for his exhibits, while Toomey and Malkawi plan to use their money for classroom materials.

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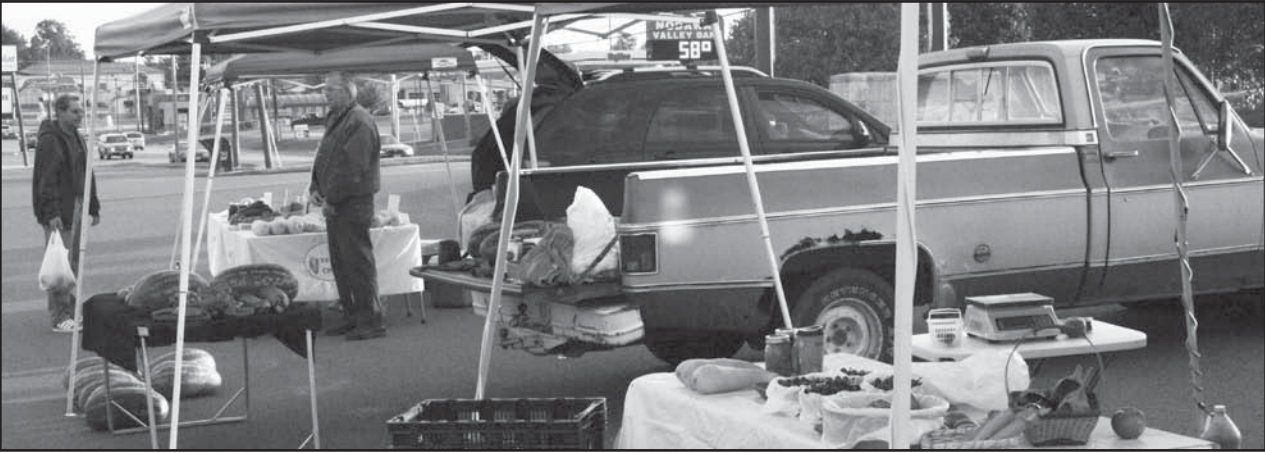
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New technology for school district

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Chief Reporter

With hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed to new technology, the Maryville school district is making an impact on the lives of students and teachers.

Among the new technology purchased by the school district were 200 standard Grace desktop computers, which accounted for a majority of the district’s purchases. Along with the computers, the district invested in new cameras, a new server to switch faculty and staff over to Microsoft Exchange and new interactive smart boards for almost every classroom in the district.

“Every year we purchase a certain number of new computers to make sure that all the computers in the district are above minimum standard,” district Assistant Superintendent Steve Klotz said.

For Maryville High School principal Jason Eggers this greatly affects his students and staff.

“It helps prepare our student for the future,” Eggers said. “The new desktops keep them updated with the most recent computers available to both staff and students.”

According to Klotz, the total cost for all of the new tech-

nology amounted to roughly \$200,000. Klotz also promises that the items purchased will be distributed to each of the schools in the district. Technology was a large portion of the district’s new improvements; however, the new desktops were not the only changes made in the district.

Another change within the school district was the lunch provider. Currently, the district’s lunch provider is Oppa! Food Management, Inc. After the contract with Oppa! expires this spring, the district will make the switch to Lunctime Solutions.

The new lunch plan provides more all-you-can-eat fruits and vegetables, which Klotz says is more appealing to the students.

Another reason for the lunch provider change was the fact that Missouri requires that food service contracts go out to bid every five years. Since the contract with Oppa! expires this spring, the administrative team made a recommendation to switch to Lunchtime Solutions, and the school board voted to pass the recommendation Aug 15.

With the change in lunch providers the school district hopes to save money.

“Food service is not a profit,” Klotz stated. “Any money that is made in the food services goes back into the food service program that we have to offer each of the three kitchens.”

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-Jason Eggers  
Maryville High School  
Principal

MODOT Safe and Sound Program

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
Community News Editor

Last year MoDot began their five-year-long Safe and Sound program. Every year MoDot sends out specialists to rate Missouri’s bridges on a scale of one to 10, 10 being the best. When a bridge falls below a rate of five MoDot looks to replace or reconstruct it. The Safe and Sound program is looking to improve 800 bridges across the state and approximately 150 in District one, which includes Nodaway County. Below is a list of the 21 bridges currently under construction in Nodaway County.

Bridges Affected, Routes, Years Built

U.S. 136 Hwy. Wildcat Creek (1931)	Brushy Creek (1955)
U.S. 71 Hwy. White Cloud Creek (1933)	Route PP Huff Creek (1961)
Route J Sleek Creek (1939)	Route PP Maupin Creek (1961)
MO 246 Honey Creek (1947)	Route A Jenkins Creek (1930)
MO 246 Brushy Creek (1947)	MO 113 Nodaway River (1932)
Route A Elkhorn Creek (1953)	MO 113 Nodaway River Over-flow (a) (1932)
Route JJ West Fork 102 River (1955)	MO 113 Nodaway River Over-flow (b) (1932)
Route VV Long Branch (1956)	MO 113 Cayhoga Creek (1950)
MO 246 Norvey Creek (1952)	MO 113 Bowman Creek (1934)
Route NN Honey Creek (1955)	MO 113 Sand Creek (1934)
Route NN	Route F Mozingo Creek (1936)



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Representatives will be on campus beginning Aug. 27 to start the colonization process.

Notable Kappa Sigma Alumni:

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- Mort Walker-Beta-Gamma (Missouri); Created Beetle Bailey
- Jerry Jones-Xi (Arkansas); Owner Dallas Cowboys
- Jimmy Buffett-Epsilon-Nu (Southern Mississippi); Musician
- Bob Dole-Gamma-Omicron (Kansas); Former Senator and Presidential Candidate R-Kansas

OUR VIEW

# Our natural need to belong

The human being is a congenial animal who plays nicely with others and, above all, lives and associates with others of its kind. Thus, the need for Greek life presents itself.

Northwest prides itself on its myriad of independent clubs and organizations available to students. Student Senate grants fledgling young organizations admission into the wide and diverse pool of other groups, based on the general wants of the student population. In other words, if we want fraternities and sororities, we have every right to have them. The decision is up to us.

Negativity and controversy surrounds Greek life, however. Binge drinking, casual sex and an unhealthy bias on social competition often overshadow their philanthropy, leadership and team building. Of course, this just

depends on how you look at it. Most fraternity or sorority members will agree that yes, the social life is present in their chapter, but it exists symbiotically with their good works.

Students join Greek life like they would join any other club – for meeting people, resumé building, the chance to benefit their community and an exercise in leadership. Why are they looked down upon more than other groups, then?

Both fraternities and sororities have varying levels of strict grade point average guidelines. They are held to standards set by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils. Ultimately, they answer to the administration like any other organization.

Greek members are involved, informed and responsible. Inter-fraternity feuds are on their way out, being

replaced by mixers and group events. As public perception warms to the new order of Greek life, all that is left to mar their image are movies like Animal House.

A Northwest without a strong Greek presence would still have a thriving party scene, tyrannical popularity control and division within the student body. With the structure of fraternities and sororities, however, students can socialize in designated houses, compete for leadership roles within the hierarchy of their organization and relate to other Greek organizations easier through their mutual interests.

We will socialize with or without an outlet. Students given that outlet have the opportunity to be great leaders on campus. Fraternity and sorority members, you have been given a lot of freedom. Now show us what you can do.



FILE PHOTO

**PHI MU MEMBER Franki Belfonte hugs a new member last year during Bid Day. Greek life represents 15 percent of the student body.**

## Hope and change: I will take either

BY ANDREW ABBOTT  
Contributing Columnist

On Sept. 5, 1882, New York City celebrated the very first Labor Day. In wake of this holiday, I find the situation the United States is in today alarming and very concerning. Recent reports indicate that the unemployment rate is currently around 9.6%.

President Obama has vowed to make the economy his top priority since day one. After \$850 billion of failed policy, the American people find the problem not getting better, but getting worse. Recently, the Obama administration proposed investing \$50 billion in the country's infrastructure. A partisan debate instantly exploded, and House Republican Leader John Boehner blasted the President, stating "As the American people face near double-digit unemployment, mark Labor Day by asking, where are the jobs? The White House has chosen to double-down on more of the same failed 'stimulus' spending".

You cannot spend your way out of a recession. Spending billions of dollars just makes us further indebted to foreign countries. The way to create more jobs, get people back to work and create a stable business environment comes from private growth. Not government spending. If the Obama administration finds a way to create stability in the minds of business owners, the jobs will come.

One solution is to create a larger government funded loan program. This would help provide private businesses the means to expand, to take risks and hire new employees. In order for a loan program to be effective it is necessary that a majority of the red tape be eliminated. It's impossible for a small business to qualify for a loan when they have to hire someone to get them through the tedious application process. If the Obama administration wants normal Americans to prosper, they must create a system that is accessible to the normal person.

The American people are sick of politicians. They are sick of catchy one-liners and used car salesman tactics. President Obama, you promised hope, transparency and a new Washington. However, you have delivered little. How are the American people supposed to have hope when they cannot find a job? How are people supposed to feel a sense of transparency when your largest stimulus bill is over 1,500 pages? Finally, how is Washington any different? It's business as usual and you are not helping the problem.

I have hope for America and hope in our system of government. The people elect a president to help lead the country in the right direction. I pray that President Obama holds up his end of the deal.

### CAMPUS TALK

#### How many students on campus are greek and why do they join?



"The percentage would be 30%, maybe. I think it's a good way to get involved and to meet people."

**Alyssa Franchett**  
Communications Sciences and Disorders



"Twenty-five percent. People join greek life because it's a good way to find parties. They're kind of lonely and want to find something to do."

**Brian Shadensack**  
Philosophy



"Fifteen percent. I think people join because they want to meet new people and have fun."

**Tiffany Tyler**  
Child and Family Studies



"Approximately 15%. Some do it because it looks good on a resume, some because of the parties, some do it to fill a psychological void of sorts."

**Jeston Del Dulin**  
English



"Probably, 20% . I think the main reason is because they need to feel a sense of family or a sort of closeness they don't have anymore."

**Patricia Hughes**  
English

## Scars from terrorist attacks remain

BY PHILIP GRUENWALD  
Opinion Editor

When the airline flight schedules resumed their normal schedules on September 13, 2001, passengers entering New York City via LaGuardia or John F. Kennedy Airports wept to see destruction and chaos where the World Trade Center once stood. A close relative of mine made the flight shortly thereafter and spoke about the sorrow, anger and grief universally expressed on the flight.

Even to the rest of the nation, images of each attack site on Sept. 11 evoked pain and helplessness, but more importantly, rage. The audacity of that fringe group of Islamic extremists - who found loopholes in our system to use our own commercial airplanes on the innocent - meant that

someone had to pay.

President George Bush declared a War on Terror a mere nine days following the attacks. Politicians and pundits approved the declaration and subsequent invasion, with supporters found as far on the political spectrum as Hillary Clinton. Bullet-point objectives continue to be debated, but insurgent containment was generally the ideal outcome rather than revenge.

Years from now, historians will credit or condemn Bush for the WOT. Given our nine years' perspective, the desired outcome has still not been met.

The World Trade Center was an attack site meant to cripple America's market and pride. The buildings were destroyed and the market was closed temporarily, but our economy is still healthily fueled by capitalism. Our ideology cannot be shaken.

Similarly, military force alone will not bring complete resolve to American-Muslim relations. Of course, we are not attacking Islam itself but a country whose culture is deeply rooted in it. Their ideology will continue to stand in the way as long as their perception of Americans and Christians does not change.

Michael Craven, a Christian columnist, puts aside religious differences and advocates a democratic approach for the touchy Ground Zero Mosque. He surrenders full responsibility to citizens of New York City, only stating that if the mosque offends them, they ought to tell their elected leaders.

This is the mature, progressive example required by Americans, Iraqis, Christians and Muslims. Only then can we make amends and heal.

### WHAT THE DEUCE

## If "Iraqi Freedom" ain't broke, Don't fix it



MCT CAMPUS

Plastic pistols in hand, young Iraqi boys make playtime the only way they know how – by imitating the warfare that constantly surrounds them. Operation Iraqi Freedom used military force and some infrastructure reinforcement to bring democracy to the Middle East. In theory, American victories over Al Qaeda leaders were supposed to minimize their influence and make them look weak. Iraqi people, free from tyranny, would then rise up and elect new leaders.

Operation New Dawn puts a dramatic emphasis on the restructuring of the broken nation. Fifty thousand non-combat American troops remain to address the need for electricity and clean water. Yet despite their friendly mission, they are still facing deadly opposition.

What is the best vessel for freedom? Does it come from combat or peaceful patience? If the "surge" was so effective, why is a total withdrawal of American troops still planned?

President Obama has until that withdrawal, in late 2011, to answer these questions.

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# Bearcat named queen

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Chief Reporter

With an array of accomplishments already to her name, such as Alpha Sigma Alpha Vice President of Alumni and Heritage, student ambassador and freshmen peer advisor, junior Megan Westhoff can now consider herself the queen of Missouri, sort of.

Westhoff, an elementary education major was named the 2010 Missouri State Fair Queen Aug. 12.

Prior to the Missouri State Fair Pageant, Westhoff competed for the title of the 2010 Northeast Missouri Fair Queen. Winning this title led Westhoff to represent the district in the State Fair Pageant.

"I competed in the NEMO Fair competition because I have participated in the NEMO Fair with various exhibits, as well as showing sheep since I was little," Westhoff said. "I love the fair and everything that it has to offer and I wanted to give back."

The \$1,500 scholarship prize money was

another reason Westhoff decided to compete.

Out of 60 contestants in the Aug. competition, Westhoff quickly stood out with her speech presentation titled "Ribbons on the Gate."

"My speech was about the junior exhibitor livestock events offered by county, district and state fairs and what they offer for young individuals," Westhoff said.

Along with a speech, the contestants in the pageant competed in interviews, talent and evening gowns.

After the evening gown portion of the pageant, Westhoff nailed the on-stage question. The two-part question this year was: If you could change anything about the Missouri State Fair, what would it be? And, as ambassador for the Missouri State Fair what will you do to make this happen?

Westhoff's response was, "I am so proud to be living in a state where agriculture is the passion and driving force in the lives of so many individuals and families. With that



MISSOURI STATE FAIR Queen Megan Westhoff takes top prize in the 2010 pageant over 60 competitors. Westhoff, an elementary education major, received a \$1,500 scholarship with her title.

being said, we pass by countless people every day who are uneducated, uninformed and often miss-informed about what agriculture is and how important it is in our daily lives. The Missouri State Fair is an amazing opportunity for us as agriculturalists to tell our

story. However, we cannot do this if people do not know about or attend the event. As ambassador for the Missouri State Fair I will make it my goal to travel to all corners of the state, spreading the word about the Missouri State Fair and what it has to offer."

## RUSH: Regulations limit Greek recruitment

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"Strict silence helps the girls get an unbiased opinion and decide what sorority is best for them."

Brandon Clark, Vice President of Membership and Development, knows the fraternities' process of recruitment is much more laid back. Clark attributes the lack of regulations to their lack of a national reference to answer to, as the IFC is a collegiate level and no national level exists.

"National Panhellenic Council sets all the rules (for sororities). In IFC we don't answer to a higher organization. We determine our own regulations," Clark said.

With fraternity regulations limited to no girls or alcohol at chapter houses, the rest is free game and PNMs gain a better understanding of who the fraternity really is.

Though a limit set by NPC restricts the number of girls to join each sorority, registration reaches 241 PNMs. Fraternities, on the other hand, have no limitations and only have 92 registered.

The differences between the recruitment styles suit their specific function. IFC President Anthony Mittan worked with IFC in the past and thinks though they are more laid back they have grown.

"For this school and this size it has its benefits and its gotten better," Mittan said. "There can be ways to improve but overall we have come a long way."

With the preparing comes deactivating a Facebook account. The polishing may include purchasing a pair of high heels to be worn once. And the fine-tuning may be to erase specific words from your vocabulary. But with every hoop Greeks are forced to jump through they come out the other side with members.

Though it is stressful and hectic, maybe the Rush is about surviving the week to see what is on the other side.

## RETENTION: Programs help prepare students for future

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of this study.

This study will enlist the help of students, faculty and staff. All are given the opportunity to serve on committees, which will essentially grade the University on nine different dimensions. These dimensions are: students, diversity, faculty, roles and purposes, improvement, learning, organization, philosophy and transitions.

These committees, consisting of approximately ten members each, will then help to create an action plan based on the results of the study to be implemented during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The hope is that it will create a better experience within the first academic year for freshmen and transfer students, which would lead to an increase in retention rates.

"This will help us to take a comprehensive look at the freshman experience from all perspectives, not just within the Freshman Seminar program," Leslie Chandler, coordinator of student orientation and transfer

affairs, said. "We will look at student experiences in the classrooms, residence halls and at campus activities."

The goal of the Freshman Seminar program is to inform students of opportunities to improve their experience at Northwest.

"We are trying to make students aware of the services that are available to them, and to get the students comfortably using them," Baker said.

The goal of supplementary speakers and presentations that students attend in conjunction with the program are meant to help inform students before they start off on the wrong foot.

One example of this is the Hardcore Safety presentation put on by Clarence Green, the chief of University Police, during Advantage weekend. One of the goals of this presentation is to inform students of the trouble they could get in for underage drinking.

Several years ago the University noticed

a high rate of students were being written up for minor in possession during their first weekend in Maryville. Soon after these numbers were recognized, Green worked together with the Wellness center to put together this program, which was then implemented in an effort to inform students.

The numbers have dropped drastically; when the high numbers were noticed there were approximately 70 freshmen who received MIP's in their first weekend. This year, the number was less than 5, according to Chandler.

Changes like this are one of the goals of this study.

"If we can improve the freshman year experience, then we can hopefully improve the following year as well," said Chandler.

Students who are interested in helping by serving on a committee can email firstyr@nwmissouri.edu. Students, as well as faculty and staff, can also help by completing surveys, which will be distributed through email during the fall semester.

## MIAA: Sixteen team expansion not sitting well with coaches

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given the Lone Star Conference the required one-year notice for departure and could appear in conference play as soon as the 2011-2012 seasons, along with Lindenwood and Keanrey once the MIAA approves their entrance.

In football specifically, the expansion to 16 teams creates a situation head coach Mel Tjeerdsma does not want to face.

"The negative side for me is what are you going to do in football," Tjeerdsma said. "If you have 16 teams, you can't play everybody. How do you determine a con-

ference championship?"

While Tjeerdsma has had his share of conference titles in recent years, first year volleyball coach Jessica Rinehart is in the process of rebuilding a program to compete among the top schools in the conference as well as in the nation.


"I guess for us, I know it means one more really volleyball team," Rinehart said. "Our conference, volleyball wise, is already insanely tough with five teams in the Top 25, and adding Kearney adds a sixth team. So, I guess from my standpoint, I'm not ultra excited about it."

With the recent success head coach

Mark Rosewell and men's and women's tennis programs have had, the addition of tennis power Nebraska-Kearney will continue the strong competition between the schools, especially with former Bearcat Jake Saulsbury at the helm of Kearney's programs.

With Boerigter's recent promotion, he explained what lies ahead of him in his upcoming days as commissioner.

"I pretty well know where the challenges are ahead of us," Boerigter said. "Most of those are related to expansion. By the end of the month we fully expect to we'll be at 16 schools."



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# OPERATION SUNBURN: INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Campus News Editor

While many students were still tightly tucked away in bed, seven brave freshman were wide awake at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, ready to tackle the daunting task of writing, shooting and editing a film in just one day's time.

Labor Day weekend marked the second annual Sunburn Film Festival, sponsored by the Northwest Independent Filmmakers Club.

The festival is the brainchild of Will Murphy, Mass Communication Television and Video Engineer, who called the event an important hands-on tool for promoting the Independent Filmmakers Club.

"I think that students who come in with some other majors who get to experience that, who get a taste of what it's like to be in our field, they can get hands-on very early," Murphy said. "It's one of the things that make our department, and the groups within that department, so successful."

The festival invited groups of young filmmakers, no matter the filmmaking experience, to write a script, shoot scenes and edit a three-minute film in just 24 hours.

The lesser experienced group of the two which participated consisted of Lucas Baty, Dylan Black, Andrew Benson, Logan Compton, Dominique Evans, Jakob Kircher and Matt Kuffel – seven freshmen whose filmmaking experience extended to nothing more than home movies and a few high school projects.

Murphy said that inexperience led to problems you would expect in younger filmmakers, but was impressed by how the group handled tough situations.

"The freshman group had a lot of the typical starter problems," Murphy said. "Too many cooks in the kitchen is kind of one way to de-

scribe it, where everyone wants to get their input in. You'll see more advanced groups quickly pick a leader and everyone rely on each others' expertise to output a project. Often times, even those experienced groups have incredible difficulties getting a project done in just 24 hours. So seeing the freshmen were still able to finish was good to see."

Sophomore Broadcasting major Meg Totusek, who assisted the freshman throughout the day, also praised the young group for their positive attitudes and newfound creativity.

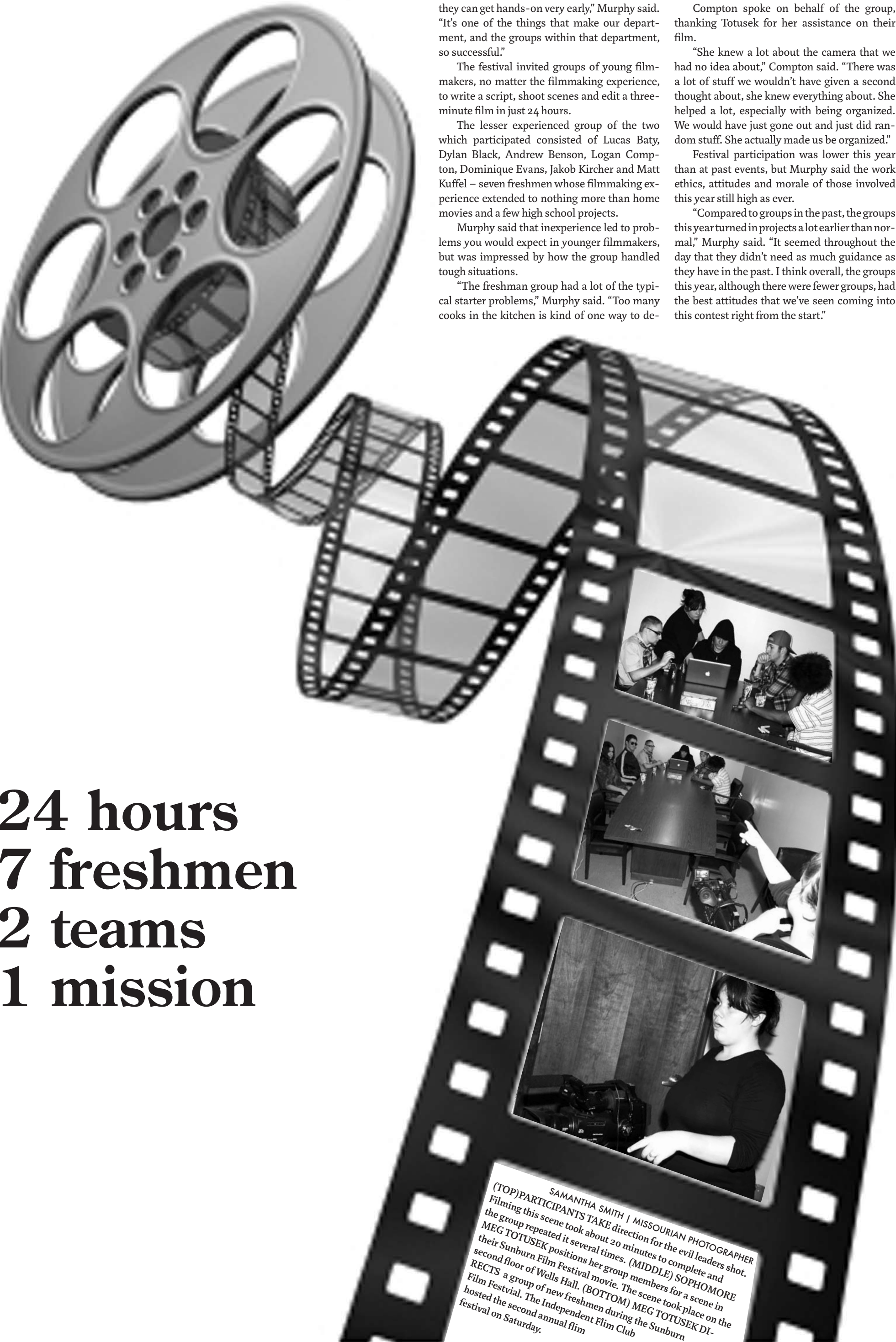
"They were really cool and really patient," Totusek said. "They understand that we have to wait for good conditions; if a cloud comes over, we have to wait. They came to understand that the world doesn't quite revolve around them. That was really cool to see, especially in freshmen, because I know I wasn't that patient."

Compton spoke on behalf of the group, thanking Totusek for her assistance on their film.

"She knew a lot about the camera that we had no idea about," Compton said. "There was a lot of stuff we wouldn't have given a second thought about, she knew everything about. She helped a lot, especially with being organized. We would have just gone out and just did random stuff. She actually made us be organized."

Festival participation was lower this year than at past events, but Murphy said the work ethics, attitudes and morale of those involved this year still high as ever.

"Compared to groups in the past, the groups this year turned in projects a lot earlier than normal," Murphy said. "It seemed throughout the day that they didn't need as much guidance as they have in the past. I think overall, the groups this year, although there were fewer groups, had the best attitudes that we've seen coming into this contest right from the start."



(TOP) PARTICIPANTS TAKE direction for the evil leaders shot. Filming this scene took about 20 minutes to complete and the group repeated it several times. (MIDDLE) SOPHOMORE MEG TOTUSEK positions her group members for a scene in their Sunburn Film Festival movie. The scene took place on the second floor of Wells Hall. (BOTTOM) MEG TOTUSEK DIRECTS a group of new freshmen during the Sunburn Film Festival. The Independent Film Club hosted the second annual film festival on Saturday.

# What's HOT

## Silly Bandz

It seems as though everyone on campus has a shape wrapped around their wrist. From Toy Story to Chili's, these pieces of plastic are giving everyone a reason to be unique.

## Lil Wayne

Weezy announced that he will be releasing Tha Carter IV the same day he is freed from his jail sentence. The world should mark its calender.

## Jacksonville State Football

The gamecocks upset Ole Miss on the road for their season-opener this fall in overtime fashion, definantly the game of the week.

## Eminem's "Love the Way You Lie" Video

Not much is hotter than watching Megan Fox just be Megan Fox.

# What's NOT

## Paris Hilton

Hilton was caught with cocaine in her purse last week, claiming it wasn't hers. Will she ever learn her lesson?

## Dancing with the Stars

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and Bristol Palin will both be making appearences this season. Fist-pumping and pro-life all around.

## T.J. Houshmandzadeh

Houshmandzadeh was released by Pete Carroll last Saturday after one lonely season with the Seahawks. And to think they paid all those big bucks for him.

## NWMSU's Smoking Ban

Professors and students alike are still raving over their loss right to puff cancer. How long will the ban last?

# Brandon Flowers solo record unmatched Killers sucess

BY MATT LEIMKUEHLER  
Features Editor

Las Vegas' own Brandon Flowers released his highly-anticipated solo album, Flamingo, on Aug. 31. A record not far from Flowers' full-time band, The Killers, yet work that still flashes glimpses far more theatrical then anything you would find on Hot Fuss.

Flamingo is a record filled mostly with down-tempo'ed, relaxing tracks in which Flowers takes the listener away with his lyrically intriguing hooks. The record's single "Crossfire" shows a perfect example: "Tell the devil that he can go back where he came from/his fiery arrow drew their bead in vein/and when the hardest part is over we'll

be here/and our dreams will break the boundaries of our fears"

Although Flowers does prove the point that he is a lyrical mastermind with the likes of the greatest, he also proves that his song writing ability is far from the legends. The record lacks serious diversity the deeper you descend; the further into the record you travel, the more each track seems similar. When listening you will find that the tracks are extensively long and drawn out. While listeners may have interest for the first few minutes of a song, this inters is lost in the extended synthesized-based bridges in such tracks as "Only the Young", "Hard Enough" and "Playing With Fire".

A few tracks on Flamingo do steer away from the laziness shown throughout the majority of the record. "Was It Something I Said?" is an upbeat track that will get listeners heads bobbing and feet tapping. The track is an 80s pop style high-paced keyboard-based song with a walking bass line taken straight out of "Sixteen Candles". Flowers also taps into his country-rock soul with the tracks "The Clock was Tickin'" and "Magdalena".

Overall, Flowers released a half-hearted debut solo album. The record has its brights, but it is far too haunted by the drowsy atmosphere that takes up the majority of the record. Stick to The Killers, Brandon.



Artist- Brandon Flowers	2/5 Paws
Release Date- August 31	
Genre- Electronic Pop, Down Tempo Pop	If you jam that, try this:
Record Label- Island Records	-The Cure
	-The Killers
	-Franz Ferdinand

# Fall line-up offers shows new, old

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
Community News Editor

Summer has finally come to an end. Kids are back to school, the weather is slowly getting colder and Fall grows closer by the day, and with that comes new season of all your favorite T.V. shows.

The week kicks off with "Dancing With The Stars" premiering Monday Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. "Dancing With The Stars" is every house wife's guilty pleasure as some of the world's hottest "stars" show their best moves alongside some of the worlds' best ballroom kings and queens. Last year's winner was PussyCat Dolls' lead singer Nicole Scherzinger, as she charmed the judges and America. This year's stars are of a very wide variety, from reality stars to politician's daughters. The stars for this season include Audrina Patridge, Brandy, Bristol Palin, David Hasselhoff, Florence Henderson, and Rick Fox. It's bound to be a good season for the world of dance.

All the Gleeeks will be in a good mood as "Glee" makes its way back to the stage. The show had an amazing first season and gathered a massive following. There's been a lot of talk of the upcoming season as Britney Spears is the talk of "Glee" gossip circles everywhere. Hopefully the "High School Musical" esque show can keep up the good work as it looks to outdo its first season.

The "Vampire Diaries" came onto the scene last year and capitalized on the "Twilight" frenzy taking the human and vampire love story from the silver screen to the tube. So if you can't get your "True Blood" fix due to no HBO then "Vampire Diaries" will have to do. What is it about this generation and vampires? Whatever it is, it has helped "Vampire Diaries" become one of the most watched television shows. If you're one of those vampire crazies then tune in to the CW Thursday's at 8 p.m. to catch what some call a bloody good show.

Also on Thursday is the new show, "My Generation." A mockumentary about the class of 2000, their dreams, aspirations and set-backs. Starting Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. you can follow the life of these people as they realize life isn't as simple as they thought it was.

Now it wouldn't be a complete fall season preview without noting that "The Office" is back, Thursday at 8 p.m. starting Sept. 23. Unfortunately this will be Steve Carell's last season on the hit show so don't miss a single moment of it. "The Office" is going into its seventh season still holding on to the laughter of its fan base that will undoubtedly follow this season religiously.

These are just a few of the shows either making their way back onto the scene of making their debut. Whichever one is your guilty pleasure gear up for another great fall/winter of TV.

## September Premiere Schedule

<b>Sept. 9</b> -The Vampire Diares, 7 p.m., CW	-Criminal Minds, 8 p.m., CBS -Law and Order: SVU, 8 p.m., NBC -Cougar Town, 8:30 p.m., ABC
<b>Sept. 13</b> -90210, 7 p.m., CW -Gossip Girl, 8 p.m.	<b>Sept. 23</b> -The Big Bang Theory, 7 p.m., CBS -Bones, 7 p.m., FOX -Community, 7 p.m., NBC -30 Rock, 7:30 p.m., NBC -Fringe, 8 p.m., FOX -CSI, 8 p.m., CBS -The Office, 8 p.m., NBC -Grey's Anatomy, 8 p.m., ABC -Private Practice, 9 p.m., ABC -The Mentalist, 9 p.m., CBS
<b>Sept. 14</b> -One Tree Hill, 7 p.m., CW -Life Unexpected, 8 p.m., CW -Parenthood, 9 p.m., NBC	<b>Sept. 24</b> -Medium, 7 p.m., CBS -Smallville, 7 p.m., CW -CSI: NY, 8 p.m., CBS -The Good Guys, 8 p.m., Fox -Supernatural, 8 p.m., CW
<b>Sept. 15</b> -Survivor: Nicaragua, 7 p.m., CBS	<b>Sept. 26</b> -Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, 7 p.m., ABC -The Simpsons, 7 p.m., Fox -Amazing Race, 7:30 p.m., CBS -Cleveland Show, 7:30 p.m., Fox -Desperate Housewives, 8 p.m., ABC
<b>Sept. 16</b> -The Apprentice, 8 p.m., NBC	<b>Sept. 22</b> -The Middle, 7 p.m., ABC -Hell's Kitchen, 7 p.m., Fox -Modern Family, 8 p.m., ABC
<b>Sept. 20</b> -House, 7 p.m., FOX -Dancing With the Stars, 7 p.m., ABC -How I Met Your Mother, 7 p.m., CBS -Chuck, 7 p.m., NBC -Rules of Engagement, 7:30 p.m., CBS -Two and a Half Men, 8 p.m., CBS -Castle, 9 p.m., ABC	<b>Sept. 28</b> -The Good Wife, 9 p.m., CBS

# STROLLER: Your Man wants more parking spaces or a small aircraft

Well, that didn't take long. Your Man got his first parking ticket of the year. That's right, not even four days into the new semester, and I already racked up a beautiful \$30 fine.

It wasn't as though I was late to class or anything. After searching for 15 minutes in several lots, I decided to score points in creativity and make my own lot. University Police clearly didn't appreciate my initiative.

So here's what I don't get. I've paid nearly \$50,000 to this institution, hundreds of dollars in parking

passes alone, but why would I want to pay \$90 this year to become eligible to compete in the great NASCAR race that is on-campus parking? It's seriously become a bumper cars war with cars plotting, scheming and even following students as they leave class in order to take that spot. Seriously?

In the time that my fellow Bearcats have been here, we've seen the student population increase by hundreds. Which is great, because that leads to a wider of variety of classes, more options to get out of

that 8 a.m. Biology Lab, so on and so forth.

So you'd think that the beings in higher power would anticipate a need for students to do something with their cars in the two hours Your Man spends retaking English 102 and Fundamentals of Math. Apparently not.

Listen, I'm not against having to walk a ways to get where I need to be. I'm fully capable of parking by the C.I.E. (because we all know there's plenty of parking available there) and walking to the Fine Arts build-

ing, but even the gravel lot near Wells Hall is always packed! Yeah, an unpaved parking lot has now become prime real estate in the great parking wars of 2010.

So where did my \$90 go? More parking spaces? The hundred spaces added this summer didn't make a big dent in the problem. Maybe I shouldn't have paid it to begin with. At the rate I'm going I'll have paid double the parking pass by the end of the month.

Your Man is really trying to be reasonable here, but have any of the

University higher-ups tried parking as a commuter student lately? It's pretty ridiculous. I'm thinking about keeping a mini-scooter in the back of my 1992 Plymouth Voyager to make the trip seem more bearable. And the worst part is, I don't know which part of that is more pathetic.

Could we at least get a faculty-sponsored hitchhiking program started? I'll even sit on that awkward hump in the middle of the backseat.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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**SENIOR SHORTSTOP TAYLOR Gadbois** slaps the ball towards center field. Gadbois circled the bases after hitting an inside-the-park homerun. She also hit three RBIs during her three-hit game, and has now extended her hitting streak to eight games. The 'Hounds defeated Savannah 9-2 Tuesday.

## Gadbois extends hitting streak

BY TONY BOTT  
Sports Editor

It is not often a team catches fire like the Maryville lineup has of late, scoring nine or more runs in each of their last five games.

"We've been working really hard," senior shortstop Taylor Gadbois said. "We've been hitting a lot and we've been fielding a lot. I just think we've shown up this year and started playing as a team."

Savannah found themselves in the line of fire Tuesday, as the 'Hounds battered them for another nine runs and 13 hits.

Pacing the 'Hounds' hitting assault, senior third baseman Mataya Wooten hit for the cycle while collecting three RBIs.

Sophomore pitcher Mikaila Wallace threw all seven innings, picking up six strikeouts along the way while only yielding four hits on the day.

Gadbois also contributed three RBIs to go with her

three-hit game, which extended her hitting streak to eight games.

"They (teammates) just help me a lot," Gadbois said. "They give me confidence in myself. If I get on I know that they're going to hit me around and bunt me around. I'm just happy I can count on that team."

Gadbois' recent tear includes a staggering 15-25 over her last seven games from the leadoff spot, but her toughest competition is still ahead of her and the 'Hounds.

"Next week it's Chili (Chillicothe), Lafayette and Smithville all in one week," Gadbois said. "It's going to be our toughest week, and all three of them can play."

Before the "Hounds can get into next week, they first will travel to St. Joseph today to take on Benton at 5 p.m. in another MEC contest, which the 'Hounds are 2-0 during

They will then have a brief break between their game against Lafayette at home on Monday, and then take off for Chillicothe Tuesday.

Head coach Jacqui Conn was unavailable for comments following the Savannah game.

## 'Hounds move foward with conference match

BY BRIAN BOSILJEVAC  
Chief Reporter

The Spoofohound volleyball team will play on their home court for the first time this season tonight at 5.

The match between LeBlond will also mark the team's first conference match.

Tuesday night the 'Hounds (7-1) battled off Tarkio in a close 25-20 first set. Maryville bounced back to steal the second set 25-8 and complete the sweep of the Indians.

"In the first match we just started out really slow," head coach Lori Klaus said. "I think it was 6-0 before we ever scored a point and then I looked up and it was 8-8. We just started out way too slow. We've got to work on getting focused before the game, getting pumped up before we get out there and not waiting until the game is half over until we start playing. The end of the first game was better and then it just carried over to the next game."

The slow start does not have Klaus too worried as they get ready to dive into

conference play against LeBlond.

"I've never been nervous (this season) that we're going to lose a game," Klaus said. "They are very confident once they get playing. We've kind of always been like that even with the team last year with starting games out slow. So maybe that is something I need to work on as far as getting them focused before the game."

Sara Knowels led the way for the 'Hounds with six kills against Tarkio. Rachel Tobin served out 15 assists. Jessica Steins was good for nine digs and Kaylee Green totaled a team-high three blocks.

"I think this year has been a pretty good team effort," Klaus said. "I think everyone is kind of stepping up in their position and not necessarily one dominant person."

The 2010 roster for the 'Hounds features a lot of new names after losing 11 seniors from last year.

After making the school's first State Tournament appearance last season the 'Hounds look to continue to make strides toward those post season goals.

"I don't think you can really compare this year's team to last years," Klaus said. "This year's group of girls wants to win. They are definitely a talented group of girls. I think they will do the best they can and I think getting to state this year will be harder simply because we're in Class 3. Last year we were in Class 2 and now they bumped us up. It will be a more difficult road, but I am not going to say they can or they can't. We've got the whole season ahead of us and we'll see what happens."

Last season, Klaus' team became the first group of 'Hounds to claim the Conference title this decade. Tonight the 'Hounds will take their first step to reclaiming that top spot as conference play begins.

"I think this is very important," Klaus said. "We're going to have to play the best we've played all season to beat LeBlond. They are going to be a tough opponent, but I definitely think we can do it. Starting out strong is going to be huge tomorrow. If we let them get two or three points on us in the beginning that will be hard to fight back from."

## SCOREBOARD

### BOYS' SOCCER

Maryville At Benton	11 1	Talmadge netted seven goals, a MHS single-game record.
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### GIRLS' GOLF

Maryville At Central Tournament	-	Girls' begin golfing at 8:30 a.m. today.
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### FOOTBALL

At Maryville Smithville	28 0	Peve and Twaddle returned intereptions for touchdowns.
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### GIRLS' TENNIS

At Maryville Savannah	5 4	First time 'Hounds have beaten Savannah in recent years
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### SOFTBALL

At Maryville Savannah	9 2	Gadbois was 3-4 with a HR, 2 runs and 3 RBIs.
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### CROSS COUNTRY

Boys' top finish-23rd Girls' top finish-37th		Four boys finished in under a time of 20 minutes.
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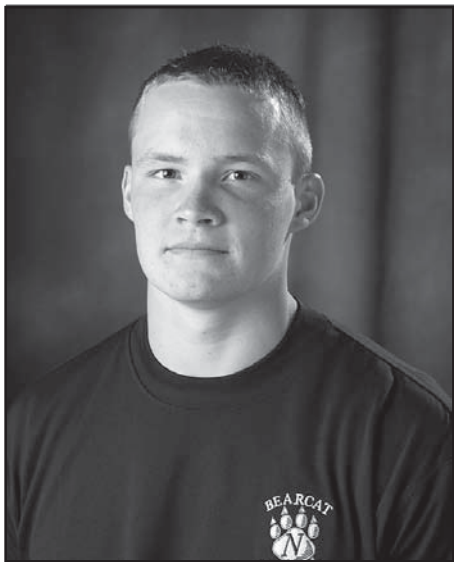
### VOLLEYBALL

Maryville At Tarkio	25, 25 20, 8	Tobin lead the team with 15 assists, Knowels had six kills.
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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## BEARCATS

### Jake Soy



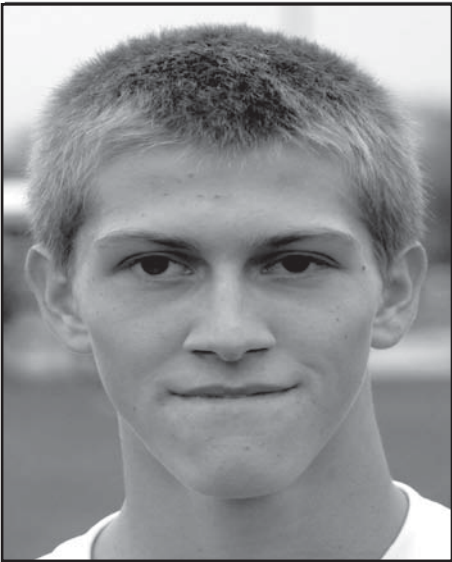
Junior wide receiver Jake Soy hauled in five receptions for 55 yards and one touchdown. Soy was also recently named as one of the 2010 team captains.

### Alex Hanna



Junior outside hitter Alex Hanna registered 53 kills during the last weekend's Nebraska-Omaha Tournament, including a career-high of 20 against Newman.

### Kalvin Talmadge



Senior forward Calvin Talmadge beat the Benton goalie seven times to set a new MHS single-game record. The 'Hounds ran away with the game, 11-1.

### Taylor Gadbois



Senior shortstop Taylor Gadbois extended her hitting-streak to eight games by going 3-4. She added a homerun on the day as well as three RBIs.

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# Rinehart opens season 2-2

BY BRIAN BOSILJEVAC  
Chief Reporter

The Northwest volleyball team heads to Austin, Texas for its final tournament before diving into Conference play.

The Bearcats are coming off a 2-2 tournament record at Nebraska-Omaha last week.

The 'Cats dropped their first match of the season in Omaha to Adams State. After leading the match 2-1, the final two matches slipped away, keeping Northwest from starting the season off with a victory.

"Actually, in that final set it could have gone either way," head coach Jessica Rinehart said. "We were point-for-point, we were up in game five and we ended up kind of giving it away in the end. I think what we learned from that is we've got to be more hungry from the get go and put teams away when we're up."

The five set loss did not leave the 'Cats with much of a hangover though. The team bounced back to complete a three game sweep of Midwestern State.

"It definitely felt great to get that first win of the season," Rinehart said. "The girls were hungry after that first match to go out and play the second match. I thought we responded well and had more sense of urgency in match number two."

The second day of the Nebraska-Omaha tournament started off the same way day two ended, with a win. Northwest finished off Newman, moving the team to 2-1 overall.

In the match against Newman, junior Alex Hanna led the 'Cats, bringing in a career-high 20 kills.

"We think Alex is coming along great," Rinehart said. "We have worked with her a lot on consistency and knowing when to swing hard and knowing when to make a good shot. So with that you get a 20-kill game, which we hope to see alot more of. It's our expectation that Alex can play at that level on a regular basis. Any time you can get a hitter with 20 kills that's a good thing for your team."

Northwest finished off the tournament with a loss, but Rinehart thinks the loss showed the

team's potential heading into the remainder of the season.

The loss came at the hands of No. 9 Minnesota-Duluth. The 'Cats took the second set from Duluth, evening the series at 1-1 before dropping the final two sets of the match.

"We played well against Duluth and played consistently well that whole match," senior captain Paige Spangenberg said. "It showed that we were geared up for them and we are geared up for every team."

After the 2-2 start to the season the 'Cats look to continue to improve as they head to Texas for this weekend's tournament.

"When we head to Texas we're just looking to improve on the weekend," Rinehart said. "Our goal is to get one percent better every time we play and I think we're looking to have the same energy and intensity level when we played with Duluth. We're looking for four solid matches, not just one. I feel if we are able to get that energy and intensity all four matches this weekend and knock off the big opponents that we'll be ready to go against Washburn."

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SOPHOMORE RUNNING BACK Jordan Simmons hurdles a Kingsville defender on his way upfield Thursday, Sept. 2. The 'Cats gained 194 yards of offense in their 16-7 loss. They head to UNO next week looking for their first win of the season.

# Hoza, soccer team miss opportunities, play to draw

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team faced a double overtime match for the second time in three days.

Sunday's match against Northeastern State (Okla.) was an improvement from Friday's double overtime loss to Newman (Kan.).

The 'Cats and Riverhawks saw little offensive action throughout the match, until junior midfielder Hannah Silvey shot a laser into the

back of the net to put the 'Cats on the scoreboard 14 minutes into play.

"Andrea Freeman played a beautiful pass, and she got the assist, and Silvey took a great shot, looked up, very composed and finished," head coach Tracy Hoza said.

The game was in hand until late in the second half with less than six minutes to play, when a Riverhawk forward was left undefended and capitalized by beating freshman goal keeper Kelsey Adams for the equalizer.

"I think it's a mentality," Silvey said. "We got to keep our heads up and go to the end.

That's what we're supposed to do: fight until the end."

Neither team could find their stride in either of the overtimes. The extra time appeared to take a toll on the 'Cats players as they were suffering cramps and subject to frequent substitutions by Hoza.

"Overtime is tough," Hoza said. "Regardless, back-to-back. They're going to need a lot of time to recover. It's tough mentally on them too, and that's what we're impressed with, their hanging in there until the end, because they could have just packed it in and they didn't"

The 'Cats now turn their focus to the conference stretch as they take on No. 24 Truman State tonight, on the road.

"We're up for the physicality of the game right now," Hoza said. "We just have to tweak a few things, get a few players back in match-fit that were out for a while in preseason."

"We love playing against Truman, we just like going down there. Truman plays great soccer, so it's always going to be a great game."

Truman enters the game at 1-1, coming off a 2-1 victory in their latest match against Central Oklahoma.



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MIAA follows Pac-10; seeks expansion

BY TONY BOTTS  
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The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association is no stranger to the idea of expansion. In fact, the MIAA has been ahead of the recent curve. Much like the Pacific Ten and Big Ten giants decided it was time to separate their respective conferences from the rest of the pack this past summer, the MIAA set out, devising set agendas to lure bigger names from weaker conferences to bolster what has already been a prestigious history.

“The true motivation for expansion,” former Northwest Athletic director and newly chosen MIAA Commissioner, Dr. Bob Boerigter said. “(We) had to do primarily with stability within your league, providing additional opportunities in a number of sports, expanding our footprint and exposure for enrollment purposes and providing as much flexibility in scheduling as you can to help keep students in class and contain costs.”

In a conference that has been around since 1912, teams have come and gone and returned only to leave once again, much like Southwest Baptist. The Conference’s first major expansion came in 1989 when Pittsburg State, Washburn, Missouri Southern State and Missouri Western jumped on board.

Now, the MIAA is attempting to do the same by reinstating both Southwest Baptist (Bolivar, Mo.), who has been no stranger to MIAA teams in recent year, and Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.), which last saw action in the MIAA more than 10 years ago. The MIAA presidents recently voted, 8-3 with one abstention, to pursue an interest of expansion to a 16-team field.





“At this point it’s out of my controll, that’s for sure” Central Missouri head football coach, and former Northwest assistant, Jim Svoboda said. “It’s a decision that is made above the coaches level. My feeling is that the league was fine how it was. With the recent expansion, with Nebraska-Omaha and Fort Hayes, it was a great league from top to bottom. My concern is that we’ve really kept good fan bases in the league and with adding all these teams from so far away, I think it delutes your fan base to travel with the team and so forth. In my mind bigger is not necessarily better.”

The schools targetted by the MIAA to make the jump to the conference include Northeastern State (Okla.), Central Oklahoma, University of Nebraska-Kearney and Lindenwood University, which currently is a member of the National Association Intercollegiate Athletics or NAIA.

The MIAA extended invitations to Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State this past July. Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma have both

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 Location: Tahlequah, Okla. Enrollment: 9,300 Founded: 1851 Mascot: Riverhawks	Baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer	Basketball, dance, golf, soccer, softball, tennis
 Location: Kearney, Neb. Enrollment: 6,500 Founded: 1905 Mascot: Lopers	Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis, track & field, wrestling	Basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball
 Location: Edmond, Okla. Enrollment: 15,500 Founded: 1890 Mascot: Bronchos	Baseball, basketball, football, golf, wrestling	Basketball, cross country, golf, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, track & field



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SOPHOMORE FULLBACK COLE Forney rumbles downfield during the first quarter of Friday’s 28-0 victory over Smithville. Forney rushed eight times for 36 yards and one touchdown.

Peve, Twaddle lead defense

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

The eye in the sky never lies, but Smithville should be thinking differently after seeing a different Maryville team than the one on film from the week one game at Lawson.

The stagnant run game at Lawson was replaced with a backfield that exploded for 191 yards against a pummeled Warrior defense.

After being challenged by head coach Chris Holt to eliminate the penalties and mistakes, the Spoofhounds answered with a resounding statement, shutting out the Warriors.

The 'Hounds dominated both halves offensively and defensively and won the turnover battle that Holt explained was so important, forcing five Warrior turnovers.

“That’s a big number,” Holt said. “You better win a ballgame if you get five turnovers. I thought our kids were real physical tonight. That was good to see. I think we kind of surprised them. I’ll be honest with you, I don’t think Smithville thought we would be as physical with them as we were.”

The first half was ignited by senior defensive end Tyler Peve’s 43-yard interception return for a touchdown.

“In film we saw if the quarterback grabbed his helmet the wide receiver was going to do a slant,” Peve said. “He grabbed his helmet and I got kind of lucky, grabbed it and went into the end zone.”

“It feels amazing. I don’t know how to describe it. It feels pretty good.”

Senior safety Will Twaddle added a touchdown of his own when he snagged a wobbly pass and raced 62-yards to put the game well out of reach and secure the 28-0 blowout.

With the team’s first conference win under their belts, they now anticipate the arrival of McCluer, a new opponent from the opposite side of the state.

“We’ve already seen the film,” Holt said. “Very, very athletic. They’re not going to travel many kids and that’s a long way to travel to play on a Friday night. But, boy, they got some danger. They have a tailback that’s pretty darn good.”

To compliment their running game, Holt said fans can expect McCluer to attempt numerous deep balls on the 'Hounds secondary.

On the other side of the ball, Holt hopes the traditional Maryville offense will take advantage of McCluer’s spread style of play.

“We usually like playing those spread type teams because they don’t really handle us running the ball the way we do,” Holt said. “Hopefully we can eliminate their big plays and we can just kind of control the line of scrimmage and maybe we’ll wear them out a little bit.”

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